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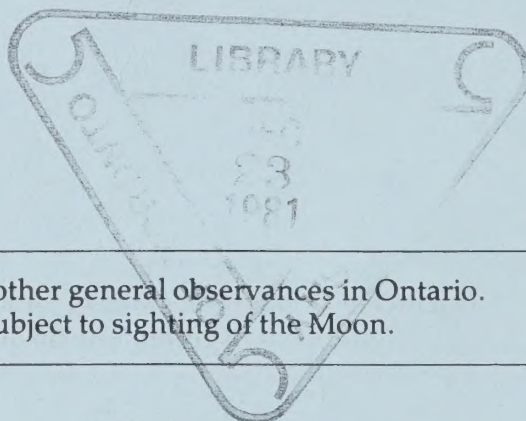
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*See under Public holidays and other general observances in Ontario.

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JANUARY 1981

<i>Thurs. Jan. 1</i>	Beginning of Armed Struggle Le Jour De L'An New Year's Day *	Palestinian French
<i>Sun. Jan. 4</i>	Fathers' Day	Serbian
<i>Tues. Jan. 6</i>	Christmas Epiphany *	Armenian Orthodox
<i>Wed. Jan. 7</i>	Christmas	Julian calendar (e.g. Serbian)
<i>Tues. Jan. 13</i>	New Year's Eve Preparatory Feast for the New Year	Ukrainian Chinese
<i>Wed. Jan. 14</i>	Pongal or Makar - Sankranti	Indian (East)
<i>Sat. Jan. 17</i>	Birth of the Prophet Mohammed**	Muslim (e.g. Syrian)
<i>Mon. Jan. 19</i>	Epiphany Jordan Day	Julian calendar Ukrainian

JANUARY 1981 (continued)

<i>Tues. Jan. 20</i>	Hamishah Asar Bishvat	Jewish
<i>Thurs. Jan. 22</i>	Independence and Unification Day	Ukrainian
<i>Sat. Jan. 24</i>	Union of Principalities	Romanian
<i>Sun. Jan. 25</i>	Robbie Burns Day	Scottish
<i>Mon. Jan. 26</i>	Australia Day Republic Day	Australian Indian (East)
<i>Tues. Jan. 27</i>	St. Sava	Serbian
<i>Wed. Jan. 28</i>	Birthday of José Julian Marti	Cuban
<i>Thurs. Jan. 29</i>	Kitchen God Festival (begins)	Chinese
<i>Winter Months</i>	Eisteddfod	Welsh

FEBRUARY 1981

<i>Mon. Feb. 2</i>	Groundhog Day *	
<i>Thurs. Feb. 5</i>	New Year	Lunar calendar (e.g. Vietnamese)
<i>Fri. Feb. 6</i>	Waitangi	New Zealand
<i>Mon. Feb. 9</i>	Feast of St. Maron	Lebanese
<i>Tues. Feb. 10</i>	Cultural Day Death of Aloisius Cardinal Stepinac St. Paul's Day	Russian Croatian Maltese
<i>Sat. Feb. 14</i>	St. Valentine's Day *	
<i>Mon. Feb. 16</i>	Independence Day	Lithuanian
<i>Sun. Feb. 22</i>	Independence Day	St. Lucian
<i>Mon. Feb. 23</i>	Republic Day	Guyanese
<i>Tues. Feb. 24</i>	Independence Day	Estonian
<i>Thurs. Feb. 26</i>	Sts. Cirilo and Methodije Day Vartan's Day	Serbian Armenian
<i>Sat. Feb. 28</i>	Kalevala Festival	Finnish

MARCH 1981

<i>Sun. Mar. 1</i>	Independence Movement Day St. David's Day	Korean Welsh
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MARCH 1981 (continued)

<i>Mon. Mar. 2</i>	Butter Week (begins) Lent (begins)	Russian Egyptian (Coptic Orthodox)
<i>Tues. Mar. 3</i>	Hina-Matsuri (Dolls' Festival) National Liberation Day Shrove Tuesday *	Japanese Bulgarian
<i>Wed. Mar. 4</i>	Ash Wednesday * St. Casimir's Feast	Lithuanian
<i>Fri. Mar. 6</i>	Freedom Fighters Honored	Latvian
<i>Sat. Mar. 7</i>	Apokreis Birthday of Thomas G. Masaryk	Greek Czech, Slovak
<i>Mon. Mar. 9</i>	Birthday of Taras Shevchenko Commonwealth Day * Kathara Deftera Lent (begins)	Ukrainian Greek Eastern Orthodox Churches
<i>Tues. Mar. 10</i>	Remembrance Day	Tibetan
<i>Sat. Mar. 14</i>	Independence Day	Slovak
<i>Sun. Mar. 15</i>	The Revolution of 1848	Hungarian
<i>Tues. Mar. 17</i>	St. Patrick's Day	Irish
<i>Fri. Mar. 20</i>	Purim, The Feast of Lots	Jewish
<i>Sat. Mar. 21</i>	Holi Jamshedi Navroz	Hindu (e.g. Indian (East)) Zoroastrian
<i>Mon. Mar. 23</i>	National Day	Pakistani
<i>Wed. Mar. 25</i>	Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary and Independence Day Independence Day	Greek Byelorussian
<i>Fri. Mar. 27</i>	Bessarabia Day	Romanian
<i>Just prior to Ash Wednesday</i>	Mardi Gras Carnival	e.g. French e.g. Trinidadian and Tobagonian

APRIL 1981

Wed. Apr. 1 April Fool's Day *

APRIL 1981 (continued)

<i>Sun. Apr. 5</i>	Feast of Ch'ing Ming	Chinese
<i>Tues. Apr. 7</i>	Birthday of Emperor Hùng Memorial Day	Vietnamese Albanian
<i>Wed. Apr. 8</i>	Hana-Matsuri (Flower Festival)	Japanese
<i>Fri. Apr. 10</i>	Independence Day	Croatian
<i>Sun. Apr. 12</i>	Palm Sunday *	
<i>Mon. Apr. 13</i>	Baisakhi	Indian (East)
<i>Tues. Apr. 14</i>	New Year	Sri Lankan
<i>Thurs. Apr. 16</i>	Holy Thursday Night	Danish
<i>Fri. Apr. 17</i>	Good Friday *	
<i>Sat. Apr. 18</i>	Death of Msgr. Josef Tiso	Slovak
<i>Sun. Apr. 19</i>	Easter * L'Eau de Pâques Memorial Day Palm Sunday Pesach or Passover (begins)	French Czech Julian calendar Jewish
<i>Mon. Apr. 20</i>	Easter Monday *	
<i>Thurs. Apr. 23</i>	Children's Day St. George's Day	Turkish English
<i>Fri. Apr. 24</i>	Memorial Day	Armenian
<i>Sat. Apr. 25</i>	Anzac Day Liberation Day	Australian, New Zealand Italian
<i>Sun. Apr. 26</i>	Easter	Julian calendar (e.g. Ukrainian)
<i>Thurs. Apr. 30</i>	Petar Zrinski and Frane Krsto Frankopan Queen Juliana's Birthday Valpurgis	Croatian Dutch Swedish

MAY 1981

<i>Fri. May 1</i>	Labor Day Vappu-Carnival Day Warsaw Ghetto Uprising	Chilean, Ecuadorian, German Finnish Jewish
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MAY 1981 (continued)

<i>Sun. May 3</i>	Constitution Day	Polish
<i>Mon. May 4</i>	Death of General Milan Stefanik	Czech, Slovak
<i>Tues. May 5</i>	Liberation Day Tango-No-Sekku	Dutch Japanese
<i>Wed. May 6</i>	St. George's Day	Bulgarian Macedonian
<i>Fri. May 8</i>	St. Mark's Day	Egyptian
<i>Sat. May 9</i>	Israeli Independence Day	Jewish
<i>Sun. May 10</i>	Independence Day Mother's Day *	Romanian
<i>Mon. May 11</i>	Buddha's Birthday St. Kiryla (Cyril) of Turow Day	Buddhist (e.g. Vietnamese) Byelorussian
<i>Fri. May 15</i>	Citizenship Day *	
<i>Sun. May 17</i>	Constitution Day	Norwegian
<i>Mon. May 18</i>	Bread and Cheese Day Celebration of Victoria Day *	Native Peoples
<i>Thurs. May 21</i>	Cultural Day Martyrs' Day Navy Day	Grenadian Romanian Chilean
<i>Fri. May 22</i>	Lag B'Omer	Jewish
<i>Sun. May 24</i>	Batalla de Pichincha Santo Cristo Sts. Cyril and Methody Spring Festival	Ecuadorian Portuguese Bulgarian, Macedonian Romanian
<i>Mon. May 25</i>	The Beginning of Independence	Argentinian
<i>Tues. May 26</i>	Sardarabad Day	Armenian
<i>Thurs. May 28</i>	Ascension Day * Independence Day	Armenian
<i>Sun. May 31</i>	Heroes Day	Hungarian
<i>Victoria Day Weekend</i>	Bleiburg Massacre	Croatian
<i>May or June</i>	War Veterans' Day	Slovenian

JUNE 1981

<i>Mon. June 1</i>	Visit of the Holy Family to Egypt	Egyptian
<i>Tues. June 2</i>	National Day	Italian
<i>Fri. June 5</i>	Constitution Day	Danish
	St. Euphrasia of Polatsak Day	Byelorussian
<i>Sat. June 6</i>	Dano Festival	Korean
	Dragon Boat Festival	Chinese
	Flag Day	Swedish
<i>Sun. June 7</i>	Birthday of His Majesty	Malaysian
	Feast of the Holy Trinity	Russian
	Festival of the Holy Spirit	Portuguese
	Pentecost or Whitsunday *	
<i>Mon. June 8</i>	Shavuoth or Pentecost (begins)	Jewish
<i>Fri. June 12</i>	Independence Day	Filipino
<i>Sun. June 14</i>	Commemoration Day	Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian
<i>Sat. June 20</i>	Death of Radic Stjepan	Croatian
<i>Sun. June 21</i>	Father's Day *	
<i>Tues. June 23</i>	Victory Day	Estonian
<i>Wed. June 24</i>	John's Day	Estonian, Latvian
	Midsummer Day	Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish
	St. Hans Day	Danish
	St. Jean Baptiste	French
<i>Sun. June 28</i>	Battle of Kosovo	Serbian
	Serbian Day in Canada	Serbian
<i>June</i>	Annual Picnic	Icelandic
<i>Last Weekend of June</i>	Sommerfest	German

JULY 1981

<i>Wed. July 1</i>	Dominion Day *	
<i>Fri. July 3</i>	St. Thomas Day	Goan
<i>Sat. July 4</i>	Independence Day	American

JULY 1981 (continued)

<i>Sun. July 5</i>	Czechoslovak Day and Sokol Slet Independence Day Sts. Cyril and Methodius Day	Czech, Slovak Venezuelan Czech, Slovak
<i>Mon. July 6</i>	Birthday of the Dalai Lama Fiesta de San Fermin	Tibetan Spanish
<i>Thurs. July 9</i>	Formal Declaration of Independence	Argentinian
<i>Sun. July 12</i>	The Twelfth of July	Irish
<i>Tues. July 14</i>	Obon Festival	Japanese
<i>Fri. July 17</i>	Day of Mourning	Russian
<i>Mon. July 20</i>	Independence Day	Colombian
<i>Tues. July 21</i>	National Day	Belgian
<i>Sun. July 26</i>	The 26th of July Movement	Cuban
<i>Mon. July 27</i>	General Draza Mihailovich	Serbian
<i>Tues. July 28</i>	Independence Day St. Vladimir's Day St. Vladimir (Volodymyr) Day	Peruvian Russian Ukrainian
<i>July or August</i>	Croatian Days Slovak Days	
<i>Summer Months</i>	Highland Games	Scottish

AUGUST 1981

<i>Sat. Aug. 1</i>	National Day	Swiss
<i>Sun. Aug. 2</i>	Eid-ul-Fitr** Ilinden Senhor Da Pedra	Muslim (e.g. Indonesian) Macedonian Portuguese
<i>Mon. Aug. 3</i>	Civic holiday *	
<i>Thurs. Aug. 6</i>	Independence Day Independence Day	Bolivian Jamaican
<i>Sun. Aug 9</i>	Tisha B'Av	Jewish
<i>Mon. Aug. 10</i>	Ecuador's Independence Day	Ecuadorian
<i>Fri. Aug. 14</i>	All Soul's Day Independence Day Vu Lan	Chinese Pakistani Vietnamese

AUGUST 1981 (continued)

<i>Sat. Aug. 15</i>	Le Festival Acadien Liberation Day Independence Day The Koimisis (Dormition) of the Virgin Mary	French Korean Indian (East) Greek
<i>Mon. Aug. 17</i>	Independence Day	Indonesian
<i>Thurs. Aug. 20</i>	Invasion of Czechoslovakia St. Stephen's Day	Czech, Slovak Hungarian
<i>Sat. Aug. 22</i>	Janmashtami	Hindu (e.g. Indian (East))
<i>Tues. Aug. 25</i>	Independence Day	Uruguayan
<i>Wed. Aug. 26</i>	Pateti	Zoroastrian
<i>Mon. Aug. 31</i>	Independence Day Malaysia Day	Trinidadian, Tobagonian Malaysian
<i>1st week of August</i>	Caribana	Caribbean
<i>Late August or Early September</i>	Tanabata Festival	Japanese

SEPTEMBER 1981

<i>Sun. Sept. 6</i>	Birthday of King Peter II Bishop Friderik Baraga	Serbian Slovenian
<i>Mon. Sept 7</i>	Labour Day * Ukrainian Canadian Day	Ukrainian
<i>Tues. Sept. 8</i>	National Day National Day	Lithuanian Maltese
<i>Wed. Sept. 9</i>	Mourning Day	Bulgarian
<i>Fri. Sept. 11</i>	Coptic New Year	Egyptian
<i>Sat. Sept. 12</i>	Festival of the Moon or Mid-Autumn Festival Trung Thu	Chinese Vietnamese
<i>Sun. Sept. 13</i>	Memorial Day Onam	Serbian Indian (East)
<i>Mon. Sept. 14</i>	Feast Day of the Holy Cross	Greek
<i>Tues. Sept. 15</i>	National Day	Guatemalan
<i>Wed. Sept. 16</i>	Independence Day	Mexican

SEPTEMBER 1981 (continued)

<i>Fri. Sept. 18</i>	Independence Day	Chilean
<i>Mon. Sept. 28</i>	Saint Wenceslas Day	Czech
<i>Tues. Sept. 29</i>	Rosh Hashanah (begins)	Jewish
<i>September or October</i>	Lithuanians in Canada Day	Lithuanian
<i>September (No fixed date)</i>	Slovenian Days	Slovenian
<i>Labour Day Weekend</i>	Gymanfa Ganu	Welsh

OCTOBER 1981

<i>Thurs. Oct. 1</i>	National Day People's Republic of China	Chinese
<i>Tues. Oct. 6</i>	Durga Puja	Hindu (e.g. Indian (East))
	Festival of the Tombs	Chinese
	Memorial Day of Arad Martyrs	Hungarian
<i>Thurs. Oct. 8</i>	Dushera	Hindu (e.g. Indian (East))
	Yom Kippur	Jewish
<i>Fri. Oct. 9</i>	Death of King Alexander I	Serbian
	Eid-ul-Adha**	Muslim e.g. Pakistani
	Independence of Guayaquil	Ecuadorian
<i>Sat. Oct. 10</i>	Establishment of the Republic of China	Chinese
<i>Mon. Oct. 12</i>	Dia de la Raza	Spanish
	Thanksgiving *	
<i>Tues. Oct. 13</i>	Sukkoth, Festival of Tabernacles (begins)	Jewish
<i>Mon. Oct. 19</i>	Hoshana Rabba	Jewish
<i>Tues. Oct. 20</i>	Shemini Atzereth	Jewish
<i>Wed. Oct. 21</i>	Simhath Torah	Jewish
<i>Fri. Oct. 23</i>	Revolution of 1956	Hungarian
<i>Mon. Oct. 26</i>	National Day	Austrian

OCTOBER 1981 (continued)

<i>Tues. Oct. 27</i>	Diwali (Dipawali)	Hindu (e.g. Indian (East))
	Statehood Day	Vincentian
<i>Wed. Oct. 28</i>	Independence Day	Czech
	Memorial Day	Greek
<i>Thurs. Oct. 29</i>	Independence Day	Slovenian
	National Day	Turkish
<i>Fri. Oct. 30</i>	Independence Day	Slovak
<i>Sat. Oct. 31</i>	Halloween *	
<i>October</i>	Octoberfest	German
<i>No fixed date</i>		

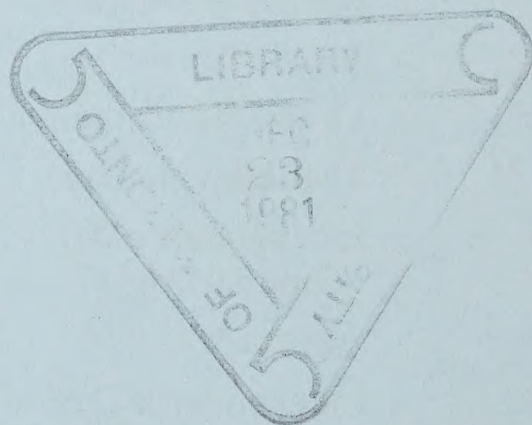
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<i>Sun. Nov. 1</i>	Birthday of Bodhidarma or Ta Mo	Chinese
<i>Tues. Nov. 3</i>	Discovery and Independence Day	Dominican (W.I.)
	Independence of Cuenca	Ecuadorian
<i>Wed. Nov. 4</i>	Memorial Day	Italian
<i>Sat. Nov. 7</i>	Day of Irreconcilability	Russian
<i>Tues. Nov. 10</i>	Tradition Day	Argentinian
<i>Wed. Nov. 11</i>	Beginning of Carnival	German
	Birthday of Guru Nanak	Sikh (e.g. Indian (East))
	Independence Day of Cartagena	Colombian
	Independence Day	Polish
	Remembrance Day *	
<i>Wed. Nov. 18</i>	Independence Day	Latvian
	Remembrance Day	German
<i>Mon. Nov. 23</i>	Armed Forces Day	Lithuanian
<i>Wed. Nov. 25</i>	La Tire Ste. Catherine	French
<i>Thurs. Nov. 26</i>	Thanksgiving Day	American
<i>Sat. Nov. 28</i>	Independence Day	Albanian
	Memorial Day	Byelorussian
<i>Sun. Nov. 29</i>	Advent *	
<i>Mon. Nov. 30</i>	Independence Day	Barbadian
	St. Andrew's Day	Scottish

DECEMBER 1981

<i>Tues. Dec. 1</i>	The Union of Transylvania with Romania	Romanian
<i>Thurs. Dec. 3</i>	St. Francis Xavier Day	Goan
<i>Sat. Dec. 5</i>	The King's Birthday	Thai
<i>Sun. Dec. 6</i>	Anniversary of the Founding of Quito	Ecuadorian
	Independence Day	Finnish
	St. Nicholas or Sinterklaas Day	Dutch
	St. Nikolaus Day	German
<i>Wed. Dec. 9</i>	St. Clement's Day	Macedonian
<i>Sun. Dec. 13</i>	Feast of St. Lucy	St. Lucian
	Lucia Day	Swedish
	Republic of Malta Day	Maltese
	St. Andrew's Day	Ukrainian
<i>Sat. Dec. 19</i>	St. Nicholas Day	Russian, Serbian
<i>Mon. Dec. 21</i>	Festival of the Winter Solstice	Chinese
	Hannukkah (begins)	Jewish
<i>Fri. Dec. 25</i>	Christmas *	
	Le Reveillon	French
<i>Sat. Dec. 26</i>	Boxing Day *	
<i>Sun. Dec. 27</i>	Mothers' Day	Serbian
<i>Thurs. Dec. 31</i>	Hogmanay	Scottish
	La Guignolée	French

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